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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 2252

E.O. 11652 - GDS

TAGS: MASS, MMOL, ES

SUBJECT: FY 75 FMS CREDIT FOR PATROL BOAT SALE

USCINCSO FOR POLAD

1. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT \$3 MILLION FMS CREDIT OUT OF FY 1975 FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR EL SALVADOR'S USE. THE GOES HAS STATED THAT IT WISHES TO AVAIL ITSELF OF THIS CREDIT SUPPLY AND THAT ITS FIRST PRIORITY WOULD BE TO PURCHASE TWO (2) COASTAL PATROL BOATS.

2. USMILGRP HAS ASCERTAINED THAT THE TYPE OF VESSEL THE GOES WISHES IS NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE FROM USN OR USCG SOURCES. MILGRP HAS CONTACTED A WIDE SELECTION OF PRIVATE US MANUFACTURERS OF THIS TYPE OF VESSEL IN EFFORT DETERMINE COST AND AVAILABILITY OF SUCH CRAFT. ALTHOUGH GOES ORIGINALLY STATED IT WAS INTERESTED IN BOATS OF 80-110 FOOT RANGE, PRICES QUOTED BY MANUFACTURERS ASSURE THAT GOES WILL HAVE TO GO WITH SMALLER BOAT. TWO OF THREE US MANUFACTURERS WHO RESPONDED TO MILGRP SURVEY WITH COMPETITIVE OFFERS STATED
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THAT THE EXACT MODELS THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPLY TO THE GOES ARE

EITHER IN THE CURRENT STOCK OF, OR ARE SOON TO BE DELIVERED TO, THE GUATEMALAN AND HONDURAN NAVIES. IT WOULD BE THIS MODEL THAT THE GOES WOULD BE ACQUIRING FOR ITS FLEET. THIS GOES PURCHASE THEREFORE WOULD NOT RPT NOT CONTRIBUTE IN ANYWAY TO ESCALATION OF QUALITATIVE LEVEL OF CENTRAL AMERICAN NAVAL CAPABILITIES.

3. THE EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OTHER OBJECTIONS TO APPROVAL BEING GRANTED ROR GOES UTILIZATION OF THE \$3 MILLION FMS CREDIT TO PURCHASE COASTAL PATROL CRAFT IN US COMMERCIAL CHANNELS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF THE GOES REQUEST AND OFFICIAL NOTIFICATCON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT THE SALE CAN PROCEED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS.

4. ANY RELEVANT COMMENTS THAT EMBASSIES GUATEMALA OR TEGUCIGALPA MIGHT HAVE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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